Electricity generating turbines lying idle in Kashmir

171. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three turbines to generate electricity are lying idle in the Kashmir Valley:

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is scarcity of electicity in the valley of Kashmir; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for keeping these turbines idle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) During the current Winter Season when the demand in Kashmir Valley is high, all the three Gas Turbines have been under operation and generation during this period has been as follows:—

Month	Generation (in lakh units)
November, 1991	86.51
December, 1991	158.62
January, 1992	186.07
February, 1992 (upto 14th)	74.09

Subject to the transmission capability of 132 KV Udhampur-Pampore DC line and availability of power in the Northern Grid, power is transferred from Northern Region to the Valley. This is necessary in each Winter when demand in full cannot be met with available power.

Amount spent on Tehri Project

172. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent on Tehri Project so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have given environmental clearance for this project even after the recent earthquake in that area; and

(c) if so, by when the project is expected to completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) An amount of Rs. 660 Crores has been spent on Tehri project upto January, 1992.

(b) The environmental clearance to the project was accorded in July, 1990. As the Tehri Dam is designed to withstand an earthquake of a magnitude higher than the one which occurred recently and as the recent earthquake did not cause any damage to the constructed structure of the Tehri Dam, no fresh environmental clearance is required.

(c) The Project is envisaged to be completed by 1996-97.

Ocean thermal energy conversion schemes in the country

173. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what schemes have been taken up under Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Schemes in the country;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to setting up 5 to 8 MW pilot OTEC plant in Andamans; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to conduct a techno-economic feasibility study for development of a 5 to 8 MW OTEC pilot plant in Andamans subject to availability of funds during the Eighth Plan presently under finalization.

Wind energy programme in Andhra Pradesh

174. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Wiil the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are various schemes under the 'Wind Energy Programme' in Andhra Pradesh; and